



Minutes Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission Community Service Project Subcommittee July 2, 2015

Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission Community Service Project Subcommittee held on July 2, 2015 5:30 p.m., at the Westside Multigenerational Center 715 W. 5th St, Tempe, AZ 85281.

MEMBERS Present: Alexis Blanc, Zaria Guignard, and Sophia Gonzalez.

MEMBERS Absent: Tiffanie Cappello-Lee and Andrea Lara-Garcia.

City Staff Present: Lily Villa.

Guests Present: Greg Dicharry, Lacey Kendrick, and Maria Rodriguez.

Agenda Item 1 – Call Meeting To Order/Introductions

Alexis Blanc, Community Service Subcommittee Chair called the meeting to order at 5:27pm.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of the Meeting Minutes: June 18, 2015

The group silently read the minutes from the June 18, 2015 meeting to check for errors.

Motion: Sophia Gonzalez motioned to approve the minutes.

Second: Zaria Guignard seconded the motion.

Decision: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Announcements

Alexis and Lily, MYAC Advisor reviewed the notes from the last meeting with the other subcommittee members and guests for clarification.

Agenda Item 4 – Presentation Planning

Alexis lead the group in a strategic planning session to determine the details of the presentation for the Tempe Union High School Superintendent's Student Advisory Board (SSAC) and the Tempe Union High School Board. The following is an outline of the presentation:

1. **Greg Dicharry** will compile and edit a video with interviews of Tempe Union high school students who have been or are currently in the Foster care system. This presentation will raise awareness about foster care students' limited opportunities to be successful in Tempe schools. MY LIFE students and MYAC students will show the video and follow up with a question and answer session during both the SSAC and Tempe Union School Board presentations.

2. The main issues that the presentation and video will address are:
 - The inability for credits to transfer between school districts so students fall behind in their graduation tracks.
 - Foster care students cannot often participate in extra-curricular activities.
 - The fact that teachers, students, and school staff need to be informed about foster care to better support these students in schools.
3. The video will splice student stories with statistics about foster care such as:
 - The number of foster care students in Tempe Union High schools
 - The dropout rate among Tempe Union High school foster care students
 - Information about group homes in Tempe
 - Any other information that students address in their stories
4. The presentation will conclude with a call to action to raise awareness about foster care.

Agenda Item 5 – Future Agenda Items

- Community Service Presentation Planning

The Commission's next meeting will be **TBA**.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Reviewed by: Kim Bauman

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MYAC Community Service Project Chair
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